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Box PATENT APPLICATION

**Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231**

New U.S. Patent Application

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TRACKING INVALID
SIGNALS THROUGH A DIGITAL SYSTEM

Inventors: Nick A. Van Stralen et al.

Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application- 13 pages, including 5 independent claims and 9 claims total.
2. Drawings- 5 sheets of drawings (Figures 1-5).
3. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$740	\$ 740.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	9	-	20	0	x \$18	0.00
Independent Claims	5	-	3	2	x \$84	168.00
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TOTAL APPLICATION FILING FEE						\$ 908.00

4. The total fee due is \$908.00. This fee includes:

\$740.00 filing fee; and
\$168.00 additional claims fee.

Applicant claims the right to priority based on Provisional Patent Application No. 60/259,121 filed December 29, 2001.

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This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

Please accord this application an application number and filing date.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees due, including the \$740.00 filing fee and the \$164.00 extra claims fee, for a total of \$908.00, and any other fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application, to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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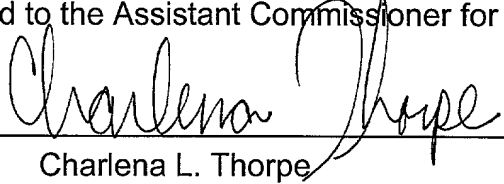
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1. Receipt postcard
2. Application-13 pages, including 5 independent claims and 9 claims total.
3. Drawings-5 sheets of drawings (FIGS. 1-5).
4. Serial No. postcard
5. Transmittal Letter (3 pages)

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